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Fond farewell

Westland event celebrates longest serving mayor's departure

Mayor William R. Wild's final State of the City address last week was also a tribute to his 16 years as mayor of his home town.

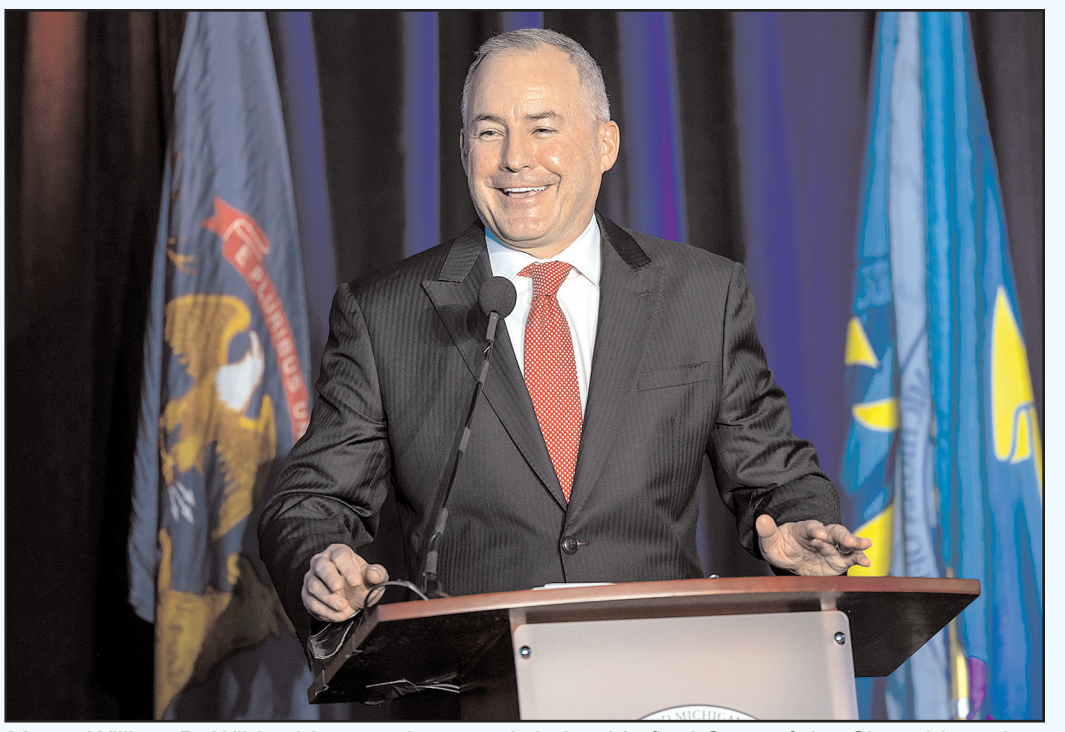
Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer were among the elected officials, dignitaries, friends and family members who offered best wishes and congratulations during the event, praising Wild for the many accomplishments and successes during his mayoral tenure. Wild was the guiding hand in the construction of the award-winning new city hall, reclaiming and renovating a former big-box store. Wild helped create the city police transparency website and during his terms of office oversaw more than $60 million in road reconstruction and repair in the community. During his address, he also proudly mentioned the Westland Shop and Dine district and the popular farmers market. Wild said that thousands of Westland residents were vaccinated against COVID-19 as part of a city effort. He also proudly displayed images of the new playscape and splash pad at Tattan Park in the city.

Wild was also dedicated to support for the Norwayne neighborhood in the city and was instrumental in bringing recycling to the city. He is credited, too, with bringing diversity to the city hall staff and the community.

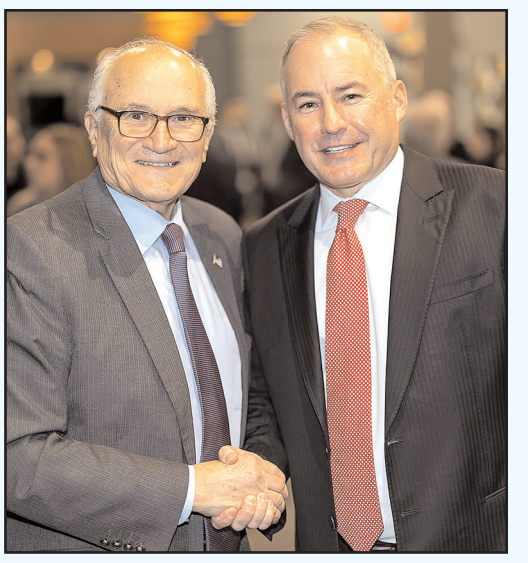
Wild's presentation included videos of the city and officials dating back to 2007, when he first became mayor after serving on the city council. Wild was raised in Westland and graduated from John Glenn High School. He is leaving the mayor's office to become president and CEO of the Midwest Independent Retailers Association, based in West Bloomfield. He thanked his family for their unwavering support during the past years and emphasized that none of the accomplishments and progress in the city could have taken place without the efforts of his staff and the other elected officials. He outlined many projects currently in the planning stages or under way in the city which will be complete in the near future.

"It is an honor to be mayor of your home town," he told the enthusiastic audience.

Wild's address met with a standing ovation from the crowd who heard video tributes from both Stabenow and Whitmer, praising his leadership and accomplishments. Whitmer expressed her gratitude for Wild's leadership, which, she said, "extends far beyond Westland to reach Lansing and Washington, D.C."



Mayor William R. Wild addresses the crowd during his final State of the City address last week. Wild was lauded with state and county awards including congratulations from County Commissioner Al Haidous, below right, and support from his wife, Sherri.



Current City Council President Jim Hart Hart spoke for the members of the council during the event and expressed the gratitude he felt for Wild's contributions to the community.

"You are a credit to yourself, you are a credit to your family and you are a credit to the City of Westland," Hart said. "Thank you. Thank you so much."

There were also tributes to Wild from Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous and leaders from other communities who praised his leadership and his accomplishments.

Members of the city council were expected to appoint a mayor to serve until November when voters will choose a candidate to complete the remaining two years of Wild's term.

Celebration of a century

Canton Township resident marks 100th birthday with family

Jean Hayward had something very special to write about in her personal journal last week when she marked her 100th birthday.

Hayward, the former owner of Hayward's Party Store in Belleville where she and her husband lived for many years, celebrated the milestone at Waltonwood Cherry Hill in Canton Township where she currently resides. The party included a dessert bar and a special reading about her life by Logan Winston, her assisted living life enrichment manager. Her daughter, Connee Morris, was among the four generations of family members on hand to help her and her many friends celebrate.

Born in Denton, she and her husband sold the party store they had owned where, she said, she loved doing the books. Following a divorce, she moved to Carleton in 1984 and worked in the oil/gas station business. She moved to Waltonwood Cherry Hill about 4.5 years ago, she said.

An avid journaler, she said she was "definitely going to write about this," as the celebration continued. She also warned the group that she intended to take any leftover cake back to her room with her.

"I'm feeling like I'm being pumped more and more and more. By the end of the day, I'm going to explode with happiness," she said of her celebration. "I just have had a wonderful life. It's been pretty good," she added.

Among the family members on hand to help Jean Hayward celebrate her 100th birthday were, from left, her great-granddaughter Jessica Gross, Hayward, granddaughter Kristin Gross and Haywards daughter, Connee Morris. Seated in the wheelchair is Hayward's sister, Phyllis Stein.

Jean Hayward

Westland

Team spirit

The members of the Westland Police Department Recruitment Team are currently available for questions from applicants interested in joining the force. The team consists of officers and sergeants with experience including field training officers, union representatives and members of specialized bureaus. The goal of the team members is to attract and recruit future officers to join the Westland department which is currently hiring qualified candidates. Recruitment Team members are accessible via email at recruitment@wlpd.net and are available to assist with inquiries regarding wages/contract, job qualifications, and any other department-specific questions candidates may have. The recruitment team is a resource for applicants throughout the application/hiring process.

County closing roads, detouring traffic for bridge work

Motorists in the Westland area have been detoured around two bridge structures as Wayne County makes improvements to the Merriman Road bridges in both Westland and Garden City.

Wayne County road crews plan to replace the bridges at Merriman Road over the Middle Rouge River and Merriman Road over Hines Drive, along with installation of new guardrails, pavement resurfacing, storm sewer installation, sidewalks, pavement markings, and traffic signal modernization on Merriman Road from south of Warren Road to Hawthorne Drive.

In a prepared notice from the county, officials said the work was scheduled to begin Jan. 9 when Merriman Road between Warren Road and Hawthorne Drive was scheduled to be closed through this fall. No exact completion date was available as officials said unforeseen delays or inclement weather could affect the completion date

Merriman Road from Warren Road to Hawthorne Drive will be closed for the duration of the bridge work portion of the project, which is expected to be completed sometime this fall. Detours will be posted in the project vicinity for both closures.

> *No exact completion date was available.*

Local traffic will have access on their respective side of the bridges, according to a county spokesman. Posted detours will be: northbound Merriman Road traffic will be detoured east on Warren Road, north on Middlebelt Road, west on Joy Road while southbound Merriman Road traffic will be detoured east on Joy Road, south on Middlebelt Road, west on Warren Road. Eastbound Hines Drive traffic will be detoured east on Hawthorne Drive, north on Merriman Road, east on Joy Road, south on Inkster Road.

In addition, westbound Hines Drive traffic will be detoured north on Inkster Road, west on Joy Road, south on Merriman Road, west on Hawthorne Drive.

Reduced speeds and load restrictions may be posted. Flaggers will be present as needed during the project, and county officials urged drivers to use caution when traveling through work zones.

Access will be maintained to all residents and businesses for the duration for the project.

For more information about the project and closures, contact the 24-hour customer service center at 888 ROAD CREW (1-888-762-3273) or visit - www.waynecounty.com

Residents and visitors can subscribe to email notifications of bridge, construction and maintenance news in their communities via waynecounty.com (https://www.waynecounty.com/.../road-construction-updates...)

Eloise to be lecture subject

Eloise and Other Things will be the topic during a limited presentation by Jeff Koslowski at the Westland Historic Village Park Jan. 26.

The lecture includes an in-depth history of Eloise, organizers said, and will present rare information about the former psychiatric hospital during the 6 until 9 p.m. presentation.

Seating for the event is limited to 100 and tickets for the free event are required to ensure space for everyone. Tickets must be produced at the door to be scanned for admission to the event. While the event is free, members of the Westland Historical Commission are suggesting donations be made through the Eventbrite site where tickets can be obtained. All donations will be used for the betterment of Westland Historic Village, according to a prepared release.

To register for tickets, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/.../eloise-and-other-things.

Library closure is temporary

The William Faust Public Library of Westland is closed as materials are moved into temporary housing during renovation of the Central City Parkway building.

Beginning next month, during the ongoing renovation project, the library will offer services from the former Marshall Upper Elementary school building.

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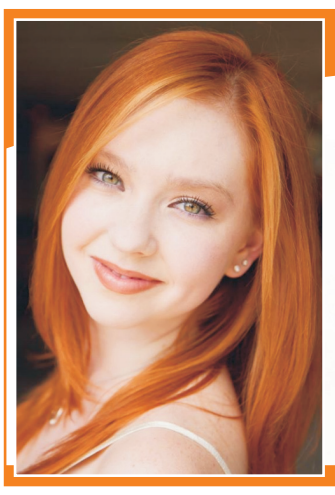
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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-14 Romulus Athletic Center 2023 Landscape Maintenance

The City of Romulus, Tax Increment Finance Authority, a Michigan Tax Increment Finance Authority, on behalf of the Romulus Athletic Center's management firm, Rink Management is seeking bids from qualified and experienced companies for outdoor landscaping maintenance services for the 2023 landscaping season for the Romulus Athletic Center located at 35765 Northline Road, Romulus, MI, 48174.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the solicitation documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time February 8, 2023, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.

(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

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(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

(9) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CANTON

Student radio station sets annual record sale

Thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters, and other collectibles will be on display with the return of the 14th annual 88.1 Record Show on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The show will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria, and proceeds will benefit the nationally recognized student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The show will feature special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide variety of vendors. 88.1 The Park expects to build on the success of the show last year which had a record attendance of more than 450 people. Much of the success of the show can be tied to the resurgence of interest in vinyl records, organizers said.

"We strive to make the record show an experience for music fans of all ages to enjoy. No matter how long you've been collecting vinyl, you can support your local radio station while finding the perfect item to add to your collection." said Mady Bajorek, program director for 88.1 The Park.

Admission to the 88.1 The Park record show, during normal show hours, is $3. Collectors looking to get an early start to their shopping can gain early admission between 9 and 10 a.m. for $10. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools will receive free admission with a student identification.

All of the proceeds will benefit 88.1 The Park, and will help the station to continue serving the community with unique programming and broadcast training for students.

The record show is one of the main fundraisers for the station each year.

Interested dealers can contact 88.1 The Park Station Manager Bill Keith, at (734) 416-7732 or by email at bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

Eight foot tables can be reserved for $35 each.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton Michigan (corner of Joy and Canton Center). The Salem High School Cafeteria is located on the first floor, just inside the main entrance to the school.

88.1 The Park is committed to investing in the lives of students and serving the Plymouth-Canton Community. The station is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. More information is available at www.881ThePark.com.

Welcome home

Members of the Canton Township Police Department along with elected officials recently welcomed former Canton Police Explorer Raj Garcha back home. Garcha, who recently completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, attended a recent township meeting along with many members of his proud family.

Police aide careers available

Those interested in a career in law enforcement can begin with visit to the Canton Township Career Page at https://www.applicantpro.com/openings/canton/jobs.

The township is currently accepting application for Public Safety Aide (PSA) candidates.

The position works variable house and is a non-sworn, non-certified position designed to provide professional work experiences to individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Candidates hired as a PSA who meet established criteria may qualify for education and training reimbursement as outlined in department policy, according to a prepared announcement from the township.

The rate of pay for the job is $17 per hour and the deadline to apply is Feb. 1. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, officials said.

Employment interviews will be scheduled as qualified candidates are identified.

The complete job description, job posting and hiring process is available at the address above and applications can be submitted online.

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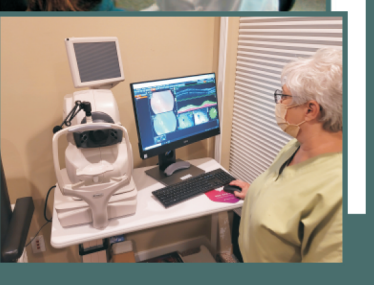

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Northville - Wayne

On schedule

Demolition at Legacy Park site under way

Northville Township officials recently noted that the remediation of the 11 remaining state psychiatric buildings at Legacy Park is progressing on schedule.

Since starting in June, the asbestos and hazardous material materials were removed from eight buildings. Six of those buildings were demolished, officials said, while one building will be repurposed for future use. Only four buildings remain to be demolished this year.

While the cold weather temperatures have impacted the remediation process, contractors will begin work when temperatures allow, according to a prepared report from the township offices. Demolition of the standing buildings that have been abated may continue through the winter.

Once complete, the transformation of Legacy Park into a recreation site will begin.

As part of that project, the township has approved the construction of nearly 17.5 miles of non-motorized trails at the Legacy Park site, which will be open to the public for hiking, mountain biking, running, walking and nature exploration, township officials said.

Some of the trails will be surfaced and accessible, while others will be in a more natural habitat, they said, ensuring there will be some type of activity for everyone to enjoy.

Township officials said the groundbreaking for the trails is expected this year. Until the new expanse of trails are available, officials said there are currently trails at the eastern edge of Legacy Park. The Bell Branch Trail is open for mountain biking and the Chinkapin Hiking Trail is a one-mile loop to explore on foot. Access is available from Wayne Avenue, north of Cross Road, off Haggerty.

Members of the Northville Board of Trustees approved the new trail project at Legacy Park during a recent meeting.

Plans for the pathways and trails were created with the help of survey results from more than 800 residents, focus groups and a topography analysis by experts at Kay-Linn Enterprises.

To view the plan, visit https://ntwp.org/legacyparktrails.

High note

Wayne band to play at Tigers' game

Wayne Memorial High School students have hit a high note with the recent announcement that the Zebra Marching Band will perform the National Anthem at Comerica Park this spring.

The band will take to the baseball diamond at 6:45 p.m. to perform the anthem just before the game begins and the first pitch is thrown. School officials said a link would be posted on the Wayne Westland Community Schools website at a later date for the purchase of tickets to the game.

All the marching band members will be admitted to the Detroit Tigers fame free of charge in return for the musical performance. Organizers suggested visiting the district website for more information regarding tickets for the Tigers vs. the San Francisco Giants game.

Help is sought for park clean up this Saturday

Volunteers are needed for a clean-up of Mill Trail in Wayne set for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

Organizers urged volunteer workers to dress warmly as weather conditions could make the trail wet or muddy. All COVID-19 health precautions will be followed during the clean-up effort. Entrance to the clean-up site will be on Second Street just south of the 29th District Court building.

Organizers said some work off the paved area might be included in the effort and there could be work completed in Goudy Park, depending on the number of volunteers and the weather conditions.

For more information, call (734) 722-2000.

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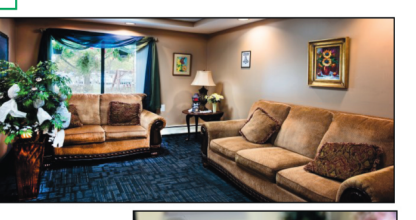

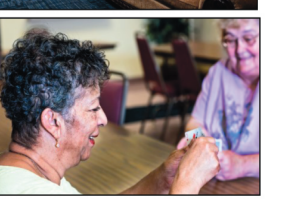

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On Thursday, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 @ 1:30PM Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd Wayne, MI 48184 will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned Vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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The above vehicles are impounded through the cities of Wayne. All paperwork is to picked up from the city within 48 hours of the sale.

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the time of the conclusion of the auction.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2023 for the following:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATION

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1652, 78-064-02-0022-000, 40936 Micol, R-1 zoning district, is requesting one variance to allow for a shed in the front yard, which does not allow for front yard locations of accessory structures unless the topographical layout of the land does not allow for a rear yard location. The shed is already installed on a concrete paid within a chain link fence. Ms. Christie purchased the home in 2012 and did not realize she could not put a shed on the pad as one was there previously. There were no permits pulled for a shed that was installed sometime in the 1990's as can be seen on the 1999 & 2002 Google Maps. The fence was installed in 1990 without permits. The homeowners applied and received approval after installation.

To move this shed at this time would require the taking down of two large trees and a new concrete pad installed. The shed itself does not need a permit as it meets all requirements except for location. The State of Michigan removed accessory structures less than 200' SF from needing permits in 2000-2003 code cycle. *Variance requested, to allow the shed to remain in a front yard location.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.
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Let it slide

6th Annual Curling Royale Tournament registration set

Get your brooms ready, curlers.

The Sixth Annual Curling Royale Tournament has been scheduled in Romulus.

This year, the charity event will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Mary Ann Banks Park.

While only in the sixth year, the event continues to grow in popularity. Last year, Mayor Robert McCraight, who first brought the sport to the city five years ago, said he was gratified to see the number of teams registered for the event continue to increase. This year, there are limited spots available and pre-registration is strongly suggested before spots fill up, organizers said. Registration is available at (734) 942-7571 and no experience is necessary.

Curling is a sport in which players slide stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area which is segmented into four concentric circles. It is described as a unique mix of shuffleboard and bowling on ice, with the strategy of chess thrown in for good measure. Curling features two four-person teams who alternate sliding a large stone across the ice toward a bull's-eye 126 feet away.

Former Curling Royale players enjoy the game at Mary Ann Banks Park. The event this year is set for Feb. 11.

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Each game consists of 10 "ends" or periods (like innings in baseball), in which teams take turns sliding 42-pound polished granite stones across a sheet of ice toward a bull's-eye of four concentric circles 12 feet in diameter. The bull's-eye is called the "house," and its center is the "tee."

Each player shoots twice in each end. Teams earn points when their stones are closest to the tee after all 16 shots. Some players will aim for the tee, while others may aim to knock other players' stones out of position. Players must strategize how best to keep their stones closest to the tee.

When players slide their stones, they use a special technique that involves a twist of the wrist. As the stone slides across the ice, it will "curl" or curve much like a bowling ball hooks down the lane at a bowling alley.

As the stone curls toward its intended target, the other three team members use special brooms to sweep the surface of the ice in the stone's path, which can cause the stone to change both speed and direction.

The sweeping motion creates friction, which melts the ice and creates a thin layer of water that makes the stone curl less and travel farther. Sweeping can help a stone travel up to 15 feet farther, experts estimate.

The Romulus event is dependent on the ice in the pond freezing, organizers stressed. The backup date is Feb. 18 at the same time and location.

Team registration is $25 and will begin at 2 p.m. All proceeds of the event will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids." Registration checks should be made payable to Great Lakes Burn Camp. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Following the event, a special Happy Hour is planned at Artisan Reserve.

Family drug distribution ring operators sentenced to prison

An Inkster man was among 10 people sentenced last week for their roles in family-led drug trafficking violations.

Jason Ledesma, of Inkster and his brother, Jamilie Ledesma of Detroit, led a major drug trafficking organization in Metro Detroit, federal authorities claimed. They were sentenced respectively to 120 months and 155 months in prison for conspiring to distribute cocaine.

Curtis Wood, of Detroit, was sentenced to 150 months in prison for his leadership role in a related drug trafficking conspiracy that involved his brother, Kevin Wood, also of Detroit, who was sentenced to 120 months in prison.

According to court records, the Ledesma brothers' drug trafficking organization supplied drugs to the Wood brothers. The Wood brothers then distributed the drugs.

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"Our office will vigorously pursue drug dealers who traffic cocaine and other drugs into our community," said U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison. "I commend the excellent work of the federal law enforcement agents who stop individuals who seek to destroy the lives of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones."

Both sets of brothers used couriers, vehicles, stash houses, distributors, and various methods to transport and distribute drugs.

During the investigation, more than 12 kilograms of drugs, including cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl, more than $400,000 in cash, dozens of firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and a bullet-proof vest were seized.

Among the other six sentenced was Patrick Harris-Walker of Romulus who was convicted of conspiring to distribute cocaine. He was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

City snowflake contest continues

Romulus residents have until Feb. 6 to find at least half of the 12 snowflakes hidden at downtown locations to be registered in a city-sponsored raffle.

Clues are available to help find the snowflakes and write down the identifying number in the box on corresponding entry form to prove they have been found. Those who submit at least half the numbers will be entered into the raffle. Three winners will be chosen on Feb. 8, officials said.

Entries should be submitted to Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. A photo of the entry can be submitted on social media, officials said. Entry forms are available at the Community Development Office at city hall and information is available on the official city Facebook site.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-15 DDA Two Year Contract - Downtown Landscape Maintenance

The City of Romulus, Michigan, on behalf of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, is seeking bids from experienced and qualified landscape contractors for the purpose of entering into a two year contractual services contract for the maintenance of the landscape and streetscape of areas of the Romulus Downtown Development District.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. (2)
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, January 27, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 2/10/2022, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the DDA or the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(9) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 22/23-13 Merriman Road SAD Landscaping
& Irrigation System Two Year Maintenance Contract

The City of Romulus is seeking proposals from experienced and qualified contractors for the purpose on entering into a two year contractual services contract for the maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation system located in the Special Assessment District located along Merriman Road in the City of Romulus.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, January 27, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
(4) A total of two (1) copies (One original and one marked "Copy") of the proposal documents must be submitted together in one sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled and bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling. Proposals should be addressed using the RFP package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting proposals, all timely received proposals are to be publicly opened and read.
(6) The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.
(7) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(8) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals that do not contain the information requested in this RFP
(9) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals which are not organized and formatted as described in this RFP.
(10) The City, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.
(11) The City, at the discretion of the proposal evaluation team, may conduct interviews with some or all of the companies that submitted proposals for consideration.
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Plymouth - Sumpter

Local legislator named chair of education committee

> *There is a lot of work ahead of us, and it is an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with this great responsibility.*

State Rep. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth) was named chair of the House Committee on Education earlier this month. Koleszar served as president of his local Michigan Education Association chapter at Airport Community Schools where he taught social studies and English for 12 years before joining the Legislature in 2019.

"As a teacher, I worked through an ever-changing and increasingly challenging landscape that the Legislature created for our public schools," said Koleszar. "From the budget cuts during the Snyder administration to counterproductive standardized testing requirements to the security risks our students face within the classroom, I chose to run for state representative to end the downward spiral non-educators created. There is a lot of work ahead of us, and it is an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with this great responsibility. I look forward to working with our partners in education in every corner of this state, so we can once again return Michigan to its position as a top 10 state for education and destination for educators."

"Matt's experience as a teacher and legislator and proven track record of working across the aisle make him the ideal choice for chairman of the Education Committee. I'm proud to appoint him to that position and excited to see the results he produces for students in every corner of our great state," said Speaker Joe Tate (D-Detroit.)

"We are thrilled with Rep. Koleszar's appointment as chair of the House Education Committee," said Paula Herbart, president of the Michigan Education Association. "As a former teacher himself, Rep. Koleszar understands the critical issues facing our schools, and he will listen to the voices of his fellow educators when it comes to crafting education policy. We look forward to working with Rep. Koleszar, as well as lawmakers from both parties, to improve our schools and provide Michigan educators with the resources they need to help every student succeed."

Koleszar represents the 22nd House District, which includes the public school districts of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton. He graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2006 with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education and history and from Eastern Michigan University in 2011 with a master of arts degree in English studies for teachers.

Matt Koleszar

Koleszar maintains his Michigan teaching certificate and resides in Plymouth Township with his wife, Kim.

State police announce increased speeding enforcement

> *Speeding continues to be a critical issue in Michigan.*

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began more than two years ago, law enforcement agencies across Michigan have reported an alarming rise in speeding and fatal crashes.

To combat this trend, dozens of municipal, county and Michigan State Police law enforcement agencies across Michigan will conduct overtime speed enforcement through Feb. 28.

In 2021, there were 237 speed-related fatalities on Michigan roads, an increase of 18.5 percent from 2020, when 200 people died. Nationally in 2020, 11,258 fatalities involved crashes in which one or more drivers were speeding, an 18 percent increase from the 9,478 fatalities in 2019, according to state police reports.

Katie Bower, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, said the goal of increased enforcement is to change these risky driving behaviors and save lives.

"Speeding continues to be a critical issue in Michigan that leads to many needless crashes, serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways," Bower said. "With the arrival of winter comes snow, slush and slick road conditions that make speeding even more dangerous and crashes more likely."

In Michigan, the number of traffic crashes rose from 245,432 in 2020 to 282,640 in 2021, an increase of 15 percent. There was also a rise in fatalities (1,131 in 2021 compared to 1,083 in 2020), she said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, local roads are more dangerous than highways for speeders. In 2020, 87 percent of all speeding-related traffic fatalities occurred on non-interstate roadways.

Recent insurance industry studies show that approximately 112,000 speeding tickets are issued each day, or about 41 million per year.

Driver is killed by fast train

An 89-year-old Sumpter Township man was killed last Wednesday, Jan. 11, when a train struck the vehicle which he was driving. The man was pronounced dead at the scene, according to police reports.

The accident took place as the man was driving on Rawsonville Road south of Bemis, according to official reports of the incident. The investigation is ongoing, officials said and is being handled by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Railroad Police and Michigan State Police.

While the roadway was closed for several hours, it reopened the same day to vehicular traffic, police said. The 89-year-old was the only occupant of the vehicle.

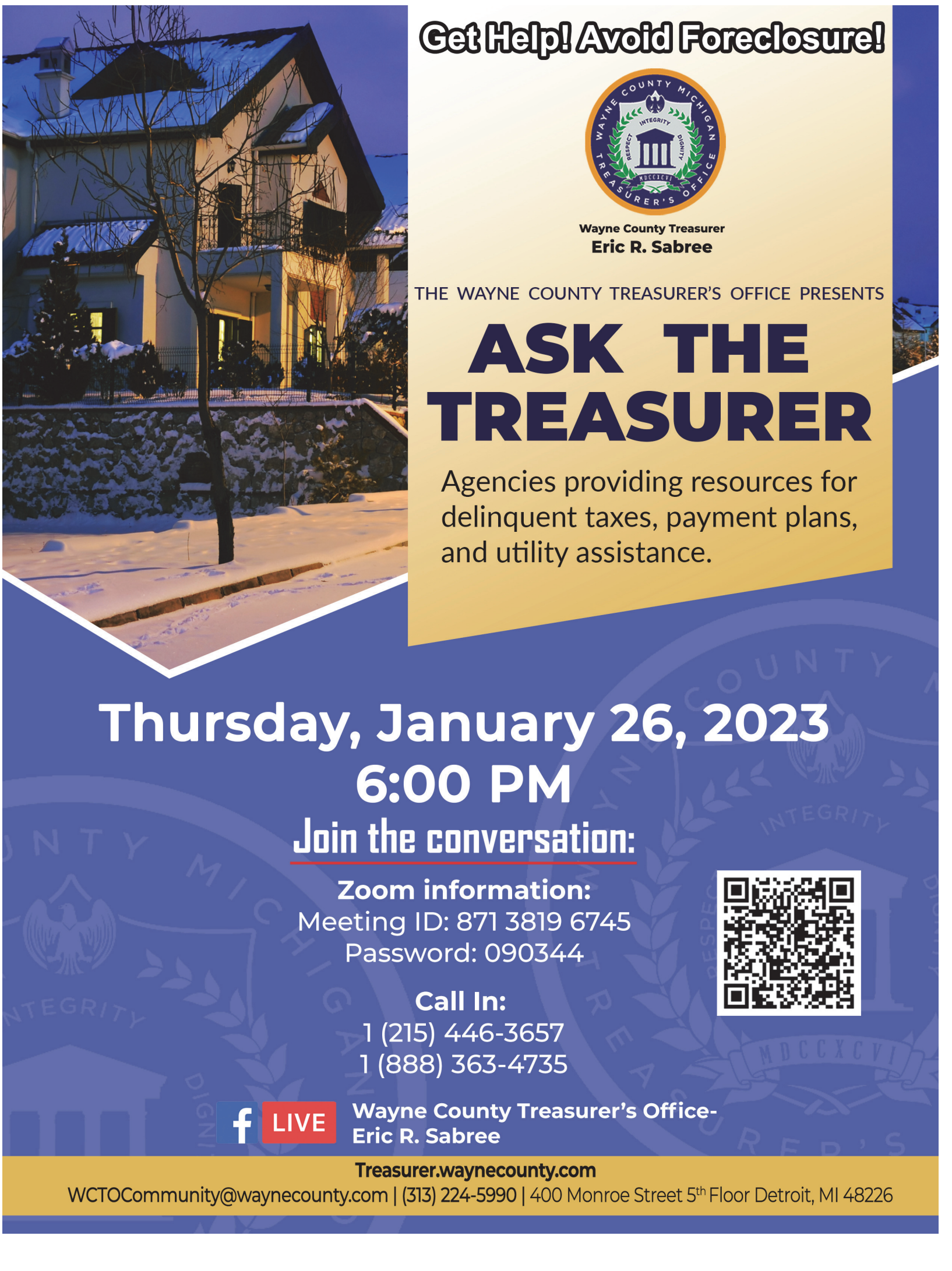
Emergency siren is now operational

That loud, piercing shriek now being blasted from Sumpter Township emergency siren number nine is music to the ears of many local residents.

The siren had been inoperable since last August, caused primarily by supply chain delays in receiving replacement parts necessary for repair of the alarm. The siren, located at Sherwood and Arkona, is now repaired and back online, officials said.

All 14 of the township emergency sirens are tested at noon on the first Friday of each month, officials said and are no cause for alarm, but ensure the efficiency of the alerts in case of a natural disaster.

For more information, call the non-emergency line at the Sumpter Township Police Department, (734) 461-6898.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